

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)

THE WEST LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY)

d/b/a Liberty Communications)

Application for Global Authority Pursuant)
to Section 214 of the Communications Act)
of 1934, as amended, to Operate as an)
International Resale Carrier Between the)
United States and Various International Points)
_____)

File No. ITC-214-2008 _____ - _____

APPLICATION

I. INTRODUCTION

The West Liberty Telephone Company d/b/a Liberty Communications (“Liberty” or “Applicant”), through the undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.18 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18, hereby requests authority to provide global international resale service between the United States and all foreign points as authorized by the Commission.

Applicant is a privately held Iowa company and the one of the oldest independent telephone companies in Iowa. Formed in 1899, Liberty has continuously expanded and upgraded its facilities to ensure that its products and service offerings are based upon the most current technologies. Continuing its commitment to meeting the needs of the small rural communities it serves, Liberty offers a wide range of high-quality, innovative and competitively priced wireline, voice, video and data services to consumers in the communities of West Liberty and West Branch, Iowa.

Liberty is not, and is not affiliated with, a foreign carrier, nor is Liberty affiliated with a dominant U.S. carrier whose services Liberty may resell. Liberty therefore qualifies for a presumption of non dominance pursuant to Section 63.10(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules. 47 C.F.R. § 63.10(a)(1). Furthermore, as explained below, this Application is eligible for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules. 47 C.F.R. § 63.12.

Grant of this Application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by promoting competition in the provision of international telecommunications services. Competition will benefit U.S. consumers by increasing service options and lowering prices. The public interest, therefore, will be served by grant of Section 214 authority to Liberty.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.18

In support of this Application, Liberty submits the following information as required by Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18:

63.18(a) Name, address and telephone number:

The West Liberty Telephone Company d/b/a Liberty Communications
413 North Calhoun
West Liberty, Iowa 52776
(319) 627-2145

63.18(b) Applicant is organized under the laws of the State of Iowa.

63.18(c) Correspondence concerning this Application should be sent to:

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63.18(d) ***(Question 15 - Attachment 2)***

Applicant has not previously received international Section 214 authority from the Commission.

63.18(e) ***(Question 15 - Attachment 2)***

Applicant requests Section 214 authority to operate as a resale carrier pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules. 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(2). Applicant requests authority to serve all countries permitted under a grant of global authority. Applicant certifies that it will comply with the terms and conditions contained in Sections 63.21 and 63.23 of the Commission's Rules. 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.21, 63.23.

63.18(f) Applicant does not seek any other authority not covered by paragraph (e)(2) of Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules. 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(2).

63.18(g) ***(Question 15 - Attachment 2)***

Not applicable. Applicant is not seeking facilities-based authority pursuant to paragraph (e)(3) of Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules. 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(3).

63.18(h) Ownership of Applicant:

(Question 14 - Attachment 2)

The following persons directly hold a 10% or greater equity interest in Applicant:

H. Filmore Melick
515 North Calhoun Street
West Liberty, Iowa 52776
Citizenship: U.S.
Principal Business: Retired
Percent Interest Held: 58%

Marjory M. Melick
515 North Calhoun Street
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Citizenship: U.S.
Principal Business: Retired
Percent Interest Held: 13%

No other person and no entity directly or indirectly holds a ten percent (10%) or greater equity interest in Applicant.

Applicant has no interlocking directorates with a foreign carrier.

63.18(i) Applicant certifies that it is not, and is not affiliated with, a foreign carrier.

63.18(j) Applicant certifies that it does not seek to provide international services to any destination country for which any of the statements set forth in Section 63.18(j)(1) through (4) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(j)(1)-(4), is true.

63.18(k) Not applicable.

63.18(l) Not applicable.

63.18(m) Not applicable.

63.18(n) Applicant certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions, as defined in Section 63.14(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.14(b), directly or indirectly from a foreign carrier with respect to any U.S. international route where the foreign carrier possesses market power on the foreign end of the route and will not enter into such agreements in the future.

63.18(o) Applicant certifies that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. *See* 21 U.S.C. § 862.

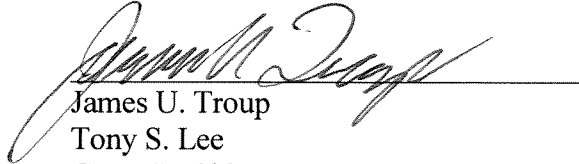
63.18(p) *(Question 9 - Attachment 1)*

This Application qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12. As set forth above, Applicant is not affiliated with a foreign carrier on any route for which authority is sought nor is Applicant affiliated within the meaning of Section 63.09(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.09(e), with a dominant U.S. carrier whose international switched or private line services Applicant seeks authority to resell. Applicant, moreover, neither provides nor seeks authority to provide switched basic service over private lines to any country, including those for which the Commission has not previously authorized the provision of switched services over private lines. Because Applicant does not meet the conditions of Section 63.12(c) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12(c), this Application qualifies for streamlined processing under Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, The West Liberty Telephone Company d/b/a Liberty Communications respectfully submits that the public interest, convenience, and necessary would be furthered by a grant of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James U. Troup", is written over a horizontal line.

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